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Rather weatherish, wasn't it?

Say a good word for Vinita and Craig county.

If you can't say a good word for the town don't say anything.

Even Muskogee is waking up and talking about doing a little Boosting.

And Miami is sprucing up and doing a little boosting. Vinita should take the hint.

If Vinita's booster train does go it will show the folks down east what a real town can do.

Times are improving. There's been only one tramp printer through Vinita in the last three weeks.

Somebody said Tulsa's booster train cost the town \$15,000. It will do Tulsa a million dollars worth of good.

If you have a friend up north who might be interested in this part of God's vineyard send him a copy of the Chieftain.

It was cold enough Tuesday morning to make a fellow wish he hadn't been in such a hurry to take them off awhile back.

And still the howl continues in Kansas about Oklahoma's guarantee bank law. Bring on your dough and let 'em howl.

A slight snow fell at Sedalia, Mo., Sunday night. It is said the fruit crop in that section suffered considerable damage.

A Chicago university professor says that Kansas is full of fossils. That's it—Kansans still have to go away from home to learn the news.

If the matter was left to Editor Howell of the Bluejacket News that dispensary bill wouldn't last long enough for the boys to get one drink around.

It is said the bakers, who held their state convention at Oklahoma City this week, ate three hundred dollars worth of pie at their banquet.

Anna Diggs is writing a life of Jerry Simpson. Jerry will be remembered by the dealers of Kansas as the statesman who boycotted the hosiery department.

The fellow who walked along Wilson street in Vinita Tuesday morning with a nice long string of cat has attracted more attention than the Tulsa boosters in New York City.

Rev. Smith of Oklahoma City suggests that Christianity be used to subdue anarchy. That may be a good way to do it, all right, but to our way of thinking a good hickory club would get quicker and more satisfactory results.

The entire set of shelving along one side of a dry goods store at Lawton broke loose the other day and fell, goods and all, on top of three clerks who were taking an afternoon snooze. It is said the merchant owing the store hadn't had an ad in a local newspaper in the last three years.

When you see a boy stand on the corner and hold up two fingers and whistle three times you may know that the water in the creek is getting warm.

Some of the republican papers are urging Taft to resign. But Taft knows a good thing and he'd like very much to swing the one he has until he gets his fingers on something better.

An Oklahoma preacher says that if ball players were like some Christians they'd never get to first base. It can't be possible that he had in mind the baseball team which came down to Vinita last Sunday from Weir City, Kansas.

In some of the counties of Oklahoma the doctors have passed resolutions declaring that they will ignore the dispensary law and write no prescriptions which call for intoxicating liquors. That looks like a boycott on the local booze agents.

Another school accident in the east. This time a tall chimney fell on the children while they were playing on the school grounds. The school boards back there don't always use the same methods but they manage to kill them, somehow.

The Chieftain's country correspondents are doing their part toward making the old home paper one of the most readable sheets in the country. We are proud of these assistant editors and there isn't anything around this shop too good for them.

A little dry weather now would help the farmers. Many have gotten behind with their work as a result of the wet spell, but a few nice days will give them a chance and there will certainly be something doing among the agricultural folks in this region.

The bill introduced in the state legislature to prohibit the members of that body from paying poker with outsiders is a good one and should be passed. The state has no right to let private citizens, unskilled and untrained, go up against men who are in practice.

That Tulsa bunch must have been pretty swift. Cyrus Avery couldn't stand the pace, and returned to Tulsa before the entire earth had been visited. He joined the home guards, however, when they went to Kansas City to meet the conquerors on the return trip.

An Oklahoma boy who went east and later decided to enter the regular army, dreamed one night that he was leading a great army on to victory. The result was that he rushed through an open window and fell three stories to the sidewalk. But he didn't feel as bad when he awoke as Taft will feel when he comes out of his presidential trance.

The Chieftain was in error the other day when it stated that under the dispensary law a man could buy a gallon of whiskey a day for use in case of sickness. It's only a half gallon he can buy. However, this shortage is offset by the state agreeing to let him purchase three gallons of beer. And that ought to help some—if a fellow is very sick.

The Chieftain will send in another large list of subscribers to the Oklahoma Farm Journal this week. Chieftain readers whose names were on the first list we sent in should be getting their first copies of the Journal now in a few days. We have received word from the publishers that the list has been received and that all names will be entered promptly on the books and marked paid one year in advance.

New Oil Field Discovered.
Sapulpa, Ok.—The Dutcher Oil and Gas Company, composed of Sapulpa citizens, has discovered a new oil field southeast of town, in a new sand which they have christened the Sapulpa Sand. After passing through the Red Fork and Glens sand, and at a depth of 2,100 feet their drill penetrated this new sand.

While the drill is only six inches in the sand this well is making one hundred barrels per day of a high grade of oil, testing thirty-eight gravity. This new development means much to the city of Sapulpa, as it proves conclusively that we are in the center of the greatest oil field on earth.

With the Glenn field to the south, the New Dutcher field to the southwest and the Cooper field to the northwest and gas being developed every day to the northeast, Sapulpa is essentially the oil and gas center.

Favor Restriction Removal.
Potowm, Ok.—When the Secretary of the Interior was down among the Indians last year he asked the chief of the Choctaws to send a full blood Indian, as a representative of the Choctaws to Washington.

To this fact Peter J. Hudson owes his appointment to the position and in every manner has he fulfilled the duties of the office. The distribution of \$20 per capita among the Choctaws and Chickasaws, is the result of a suggestion he made Mr. Gandy. This money is the proceeds of the sale of townships. Mr. Hudson passed through the city on his way to Washington, but was called over to Kluts by Gov. McCurtain for a conference and is there today.

Mr. Hudson favors and is doing all he can for the removal of all restrictions on the surplus allotments of the Choctaws and immediate sale of the coal lands and distribution of the proceeds.

Will Try to Retain Officers.
Muskogee, Ok.—Acting upon the proclamation by the governor made of Muskogee a city of the first class, the officers at that time holding over until 1909, and that the election last month was void.

Mayor Bennett offered to turn the office over to former Mayor Martin but the latter declined, saying he would resign immediately if he took it. None of the officers desire to be reinstated, but are willing to begin suit that the city may be put on a firm legal foundation.

Dragged by Hair in Runaway.
Tishomingo, Ok.—With her hair entangled around the hub of one of the wheels, Miss Buena Hill of James was dragged a half mile Thursday by a runaway team. Finally the buggy struck a fence post and freed the horses. When found Miss Hill was unconscious. Her neck, resting against the revolving hub, was burned to a crisp, much of her hair was pulled out by the roots and fully 20 per cent of the skin of her entire body had been abraded. The team was frightened by the noise made by the cans which Miss Hill had in the buggy and when she was thrown out her hat caught in the wheel.

Association is Formed.
Snyder, Ok.—The Southwestern Oklahoma Teachers' Association was organized here Saturday with about 150 members, representing the counties of Kiowa, Jackson, Tillman, Comanche, Caddo, Greer and Washita. The following officers were elected: Superintendent Rybolt of Lawton, president; Superintendent Douson of Frederick, vice president; County Superintendent Lane of Hobart, secretary, and Superintendent Date of Headrick, treasurer.

In Favor of Farmers.
Luther, Ok.—In the case where the land owners along the Deep Fork brought suit against the Katy railroad for damages caused by their land overflowing on account of the fills made across the natural drainage ways, which was tried at Oklahoma City during the week, was decided in favor of the farmers.

Elevators to Build.
Tishomingo, Ok.—A site was sold to T. R. Goodman, G. W. Cosby and F. G. Glassner Thursday to build a grain elevator and immediately a site for a second elevator was sold to J. L. Williams. These rival elevators will be erected just across the Rock Island tracks from each other. A third elevator will be erected by W. E. Benard and Mr. Cosby announced he has a party who will erect a flour mill at once.

Hospital for Negroes.
McAlester, Ok.—McAlester is to have a new institution, and a rather novel one, for there is no such hospital, and it is not a visionary affair, but will be open and ready to receive patients by the 1st of May, and is now being finished inside and furnished for occupancy.

W. H. Bellows Acquited.
Chickasha, Ok.—W. H. Bellows was acquitted last Saturday night of the murder of H. H. Williams in the New State Rooming House last October.

The jury reported last night at about ten o'clock. They agreed on a verdict of manslaughter. The jury had been out since nine o'clock the night before.

Severe Accident.
Cherokee, Ok.—George Detalent met with a painful accident this morning. His hands became engorged in the feed grinder, completely severing the little finger and badly lacerating the other three.

Boy Found Dead in Well.
Lawton, Ok.—Lola Williams, the 4-year-old son of L. Williams, living in Dale School neighborhood, near Germino, was found dead in an abandoned well. When the child was missed a search was begun. The body was floating upon the surface when discovered.

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TAHLEQUAH NEWS.

From The Arrow

Died—Wednesday afternoon, April 21, at 4:45 o'clock, Mrs. Jane Loftus age, eighty-eight years. Funeral at Park Hill cemetery Friday morning. "Grandma" Loftus, as she was known to all her friends, and they were many, was a friend a few days ago at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Hanley, but on account of her daughter being quite ill, she was removed to the home of her nephew, R. H. Bean, where surrounded by relatives, and friends, death came Wednesday afternoon. It was the intention to hold the funeral Thursday afternoon at Park Hill, but on the account of the heavy rains and high water, it was postponed until yesterday morning.

"Grandma" Loftus was one of the pioneer women of the old Cherokee nation and it was through such characters as hers that the magnificent state of Oklahoma was carved out of the primitive wilderness.

It has been reported that in the investigation of Eastern Cherokee claimants in North Carolina, Special Commissioner Gwin Miller has discovered that the noted Ned Sizemore was not a Cherokee but a Catawba Indian.

It is said that this will effect the claims of more than 5,000 persons who

wish to participate in this fund.

H. P. Ward, a Cherokee Indian living at Atoka has offered to sell at a reasonable price his equity in the money that the government holds in trust for the Choctaws and all money that is to be derived from the sale of the coal lands and townships. Mr. Ward

frankly states that he does not believe the government will make a settlement and he is willing to sell his share of it cheap. If he should make the sale, a legal question whether an Indian can sell his equity in tribal money will be brought up.

R. B. Ross, who has served the past four years as postmaster at Tahlequah has resigned and his successor will soon be appointed. Mr. Ross has been a capable and courteous official and his friends will learn with regret of his determination to retire to private life.

Governor Haskell has offered a reward of \$300 for the capture of Bert Hampton who recently killed two men near Tahlequah.

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